

Remarks

In the Claims

Claims 1-23, 25, 27-41 and 45-47 were pending.

Claims 1, 3-5, 38 and 39 are amended.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claims 6-12, 14-17, 20, 22, 25, 27-32, 37, 40, 41 and 45-47 are as previously presented.

Claims 13, 18, 19, 21, 23, 33, 35 and 36 are original.

The application now contains claims 1, 3-23, 25, 27-41 and 45-47.

Claim 1 is amended to delete "the proviso that the organic pigment (1) is not a perylene" and to insert into line 1, immediately after "(1) an organic pigment" the limitations from the previously amended, and now cancelled claim 2, namely

"selected from the group consisting of monoazo, disazo, naphthol, dioxazone, azomethine, azocondensation, metal complex, nitro, perinone, quinoline, anthraquinone, benzimidazolone, isoindoline, isoindolinone, quinacridone, hydroxyanthraquinone, aminoanthraquinone, anthrapyrimidine, indanthrone, flavanthrone, pyranthrone, anthanthrone, isoviolanthrone, diketopyrrolopyrrole, carbazole, indigo and thioindigo pigments."

Support is found in claim 2 and in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the specification. The pigment class "perylene" has been omitted.

Claims 3-5, 38 and 39 are amended to establish the appropriate dependencies upon the cancellation of claim 2.

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-23, 25, 27-41 and 45-47 are rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph. The proviso introduced into claim 1 with Applicants' previous amendment is deemed to be new matter.

Applicants have deleted the proviso. In its stead is a list from which the pigments are selected. Each class of pigment listed was likewise listed in the specification on pages 2-3. Applicants have omitted the perylene class of pigments from the instantly claimed invention to more clearly focus the claims on the main invention.


Applicants respectfully maintain that the language of instantly amended claim 1 finds full support in the specification and respectfully suggest that the rejections under 35 USC 112 first paragraph have been addressed and overcome.

In light of the amendments above Applicants kindly ask the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and find claims 1, 3-23, 25, 27-41 and 45-47 allowable.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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